Howland Wood - Personal

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[Leytonstone, London England]

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78 Firth Rd
Leytonstone E
26th Oct. 09

Dear Sir

Your very kind letter has been a source of joy and I gladly accept your kind offer of help with my book. Whether it will ever be published depends entirely on the sufficiency of the number of subscribers. I want about 300 to cover the initial cost and unless I get that number I am afraid it will never see the light. - my means being insufficient to produce it at my own expense - I heartily thank you for the tracings

many of them are new to me
and all I gladly welcome
Tarim & the two small Harar
pieces especially. I have the
larger one with date 1 x x 5
I make it Abdul Saif, but this
does not coincide with the
ruler at that period Mud Shaker II
given by Stokvis in his Genealogique
Historique &c. In my book I have
taken as the limit to my work
as a general rule the date 1600
but in some some cases have gone
back farther in order to retain
& not break the sequence i.e.
Othmanli & Georgia - Jagatais
and Ilak Khans I have not.

included intentionally (though there might be one or two of the Persian but this is doubtful) but I have many drawings of them by me - I am short of Pieces of Bukhara (4) Balkh (4 or 5) Herat (4) & 3 of those are Persian mint, I should be very glad if you help in this direction with rubbings which I find I can readily draw from & if you will allow me must congratulate you upon getting them so clear & neat.

The tin & copper of the Malay's &c are not in my book but should I think be published

separately - I have such a one already which I got together about 4 or 5 years ago as a kind of text book for my own edification, I am continually adding to it.

The present work is of the same series - I have also Chinese currency I Malay II Delhi (Pathan & Mogul III Muhan^dn States IV Anc Nth India Bactria &c V all separately bound unbound Indo Colonial, Native States, Khalifahs &c &c. Should the Muh^dn States prove a success I intend to take up the Copper coins of modern India for which I have accumulated a large quantity of matter, rubbings & drawings

Enclosed are rubbings of two coins of Makalla of which

Emirs of Harar.

Ali bin Daud	c 1647
to	
Abd al Rahman	1794
" " Kerim	1820
Abubakr II	1829
Ahmad III	1834
Muhamd Ali	1851
Muhamd Abd el Shakur	1855
Egyptian occup.	1875 – 1885
Abdallah II Abd al Shakur	1885
Conquered by Menelik of Shoa	1887 –

I should be extremely glad
to get complete readings you
may know them. I have
not them drawn in my book

With apologies for the
hastiness of this letter & which
I hope you will excuse as I
am crowded out with corre-
spondence just now about my
book and with many thanks
for your Kindness

Remain Sincerely
Yours
W. M. Valentine

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone E.
4th Dec. 09

Dear Sir

I am rather at a loss to express myself in answer to your Kind letter & the valuable and interesting rubbings accompanying.

There are many of them not in my book but together I shall be able to use them all I do not know

I am somewhat in a dilemma at present. I should like to redraw the Ottmanli & ~~enclose~~ insert yours & others I have since come across but hesitate on a/c of the trouble

I am sending you the set of rubbings I took at the British

Museum when I contemplated
making my book & I feel sure they
will interest you though I am
sorry they are not so clean as
I should like to see them

They are all rubbed from the
actual coins in the museum
and I believe I am the only man
they ever gave permission to,
so on that score they may perhaps
prove acceptable to you -

I think I told you in my letter
that I was busy with the coins
of the Golden Horde. Well the work is
practically finished and the
number I have drawn exceeds
300 including about 3 dozen

from the B.M. to render it more
complete in mints & rulers - I
have sent you the rubbings.
I think I would like to join
your Socy. so have therefore
signed the slip & sent money order
and wish to express my best
thanks to for so kindly thinking
of it. - I also feel grateful for
your kind elucidation of the
two Makalla coins the two words
you couldn't make out on the rubs
were Bahadur (English) & I think
Wyl's vaulat I believe - With
regard to your rub of Mongol
coin Mr Allen at the B.M. thinks
it Abaga but is very doubtful

about it I have one like it.
If I should make it out will
let you know - do you think
it possible to get my book
published in America? I am
afraid even now there are
not enough Coalrooms in this
Country to enable me to do so here.
I should like to come in contact
with someone if it were possible
with capital & disinterested enough
to publish without thought of
profit - I have a lot more to say
but must leave it till my next.

Therefore must conclude
With heartiest thanks,
and Kindest regards
from Yours truly
Wm H Valentine

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E.
2nd June 1910

Dear Mr Wood.

Your letter (and contents) of Dec 2 to have given me great pleasure and I heartily thank you for the many favors therein — The rubbings I sent are yours if you would like to have them and are a part attempt in return for those sent me by you — Now that Deer is over I shall be able to turn my leisure towards coins & therefore think I shall remodel the ~~my~~ Turkish series in my book, I am inclined to do this simply on a/c of the large number of additions you have sent & in your letter you remove the only remaining obstacle viz. having the coins to draw from — I am not a great draughtsman

and would not attempt to draw them freehand - my method is to trace them from a rubbing & filing in after from the coin itself - so if you can send me those on the 3 slips I am returning I shall be very glad to have them and include in my book. At present I have divided Turkey into two parts Europe & Asia but I don't like it much & shall when I redraw them keep all the units of Turkey (as at present constituted) together - Egypt. Tripoli Algiers & Tunis I have treated as separate entities & shall continue them as such

The number of coins drawn under these heads are, Turkey in Europe 77 & 12 additions = 89. Turkey in Asia 42 Egypt. 46 Tripoli 64 Tunis 51 Algiers 11 Continuing the list. Morocco has 156 coins E Africa 11 (Mandab is part of Zahaj) Arabia 11

Krim 16 Caucasia 37 Georgia alone 166
Persia (including doubtful ones) 180 Balkh 8
Kabul 56 Kandahar 94 Bukhara &c 6
Chinese Turkestan 31. making 968 total (I think)
I am sending a few doubtful Ottomans
to look at & if possible to sale, Two of
them have caused me much speculation
one in particular caused me to write
my book but still remains a mystery
If you can make them out please do
so & return at the earliest moment as
I shall press on to get my book finished
after I receive your answer & this &
would like to have the 3 slips again if
I may— I am sending for your
inspection my latest, a little book on the
Coins of the Golden Horde & some drawings
of the Coins of the Maldives, then I think
it would be best for you to return
with your next letter after, which

should be about a month later.

Geo. Mr James Allen is now at the Brit. Mus. & occupies Mr Rapsons chair he is the man you want., takes great interest in Chinese & Japanese coins & in everything you & I collect. - ye Modern Copper coins - I note your remarks regarding Arabic Coins & in a way endorse them with my own experience. My endeavours have caused me much hard work balanced with satisfaction with my own labours when completed to my liking. - With many thanks for your kind favours & Sincerely hoping that our correspondence will continue for many years to our mutual benefit.

Remain Sincerely yours

Wm H. Valentine

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78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E.
2nd Feb 1910

Dear Mr Wood

This short note is in no sense intended as an answer to your letter which I shall reply to more fully during the next few days but written solely with the view of catching to days mail and asking if you would kindly oblige by sending me in addition to those received the early Othmanli of Murad I & 2 Bayajid II & Muhammad II

By some strange inadvertence for which I cannot account

Your slip of rubbings containing these (& numbered from 1 to 18 by me) was not included by me in my last letter to you. I feel somewhat ashamed but can't help it. Can I ask you to send them the instant you can do so. I shall start my drawings at once & leave blank spaces for the inclusion of these coins. The one from the mint Amasiah I particularly want. - Did the thought not occur to you that the letters at the foot of that coin of Suleiman which you suggested might be Agram were the date 941 = 941 I should like your

opinion on this point. In regard to the Snake coin
Mr Howorth has one clearly shewing the 8th and the
date over ٨٥٢. 852. Muhamd II reigned during his
father's life, who had abdicated at this period, 847 in
his son's favor but resumed at his son's request. (850)
Muhd II was 17 (I think) when he first came to the
throne. I should dearly like to know what
the inscription is in front of the snake's tongue
and also the reason that reptile is on the coin
at all. The only Othmanli coin that so far as

I know with anything of an animate nature upon its surface. When I remarked that my little unknown coin had not been read I was not inferring that the words upon it could not be read I should have said made out. I think it an Othmanli coin but how about Fatus. I like your dash at Haleb but what is [illegible] after the [illegible] - with many apologies for my forgetfulness. Remain

With kind regards
Yours sincerely
Wm H Valentine

P.S. Would that plate of the Maldives be any good for your Journal? if so use it before returns.

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone E.
7th Febr. 10

Dear Mr Wood

I have just been again going over your kind letter of the 19th Jan and have to heartily thank you the kindness expressed in every line. The notes you sent concerning the coins returned are very helpful indeed & confirm in many instances my own readings. I note that one of your coins is very much like that one of Suleimans the (3 & 1 one I mean) & if you had had the opportunity of comparing them I think you must have noticed it.

I am greatly obliged to you for

the beautiful rubbings I only wish
I could do the sd, I have made
a good many trials & have come
to the conclusion that I have not
got the right ink. I made a note
from Munro's book but cannot get
right results. By the bye I shall
bear in mind your remark
about Jap coins & if I see any
will do whatever I can for you
& have made a little book of
drawings from Munro & learn
something of them. Yes I have
seen Retowski's book & drawn most
of the copper coins of the Gerai
in my book from that work
the plates are very beautiful.
What to say in regard to the

editor of the Amer. Journ. Num. I do not know. but in any case must wait till we see what results from Mr Spinks' appeal in this (Feb) month's Num. Circ. at the present moment. I have 90 orders. I like your ideas very much & thank you for your suggestions & interest. (Please note—the price for line block plates in England is 2½ per inch) Number of plates M.S. & covers 170 abt. with 20 pages of letter press & 6 maps— All the plates are similar to those in my prospectus. I am sending for your kind inspection the enclosed rubbings of Persian copper in the B.M. many of which are not in my book

I know they will interest you
If I have time I thought of
including some as additions to
the Persian Series - Some of
them are unread & I shall feel
your kindness if you can
help me in the readings. Many
of them are new mints to me &
perhaps to you. Please return them
if possible within a month from now.

Thanking you again for the
beautiful rubbings of both Chinese
& Othmanli With kind regards
am Yours sincerely

Wm. H. Valentine

P.S.

Will you favour me by putting your remarks
on my rubbings on a separate sheet of Paper.

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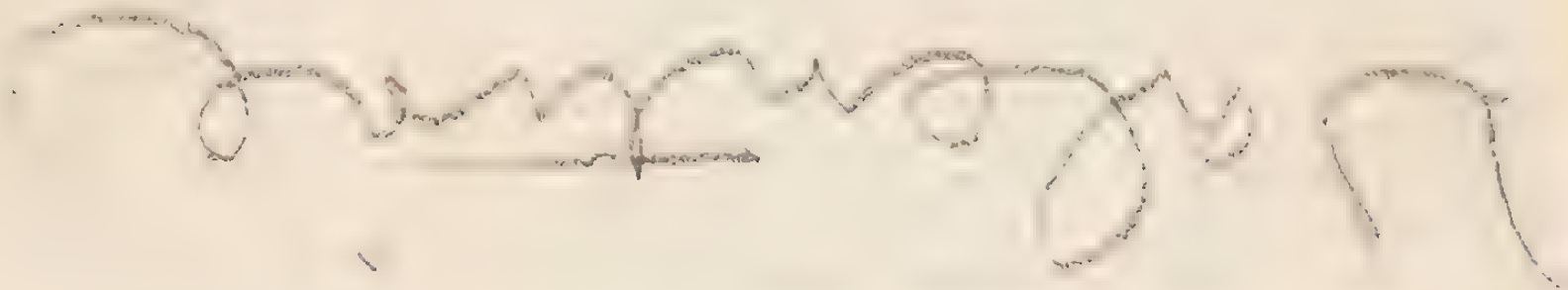

Valentine

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone E
3rd March 10

Dear Mr Ward

You will I am sure be glad to hear of my progress with the drawings of the Othmanli.

Your last lot came in the very nick of time and I have been exceedingly busy with them. & by the time you get this letter shall have completed them in the drawings. The total number of Othmanli is about 180. One or two interesting problems arise among your coins which I shall be glad to have your opinion

upon the first is the one "Amasiah"
Now I can't say I am satisfied
with this reading and though I
have tried cannot accept it
yet the other terminals of ~~the~~ in
Brusah & Adraaa wont fit in with
the object upon the other side for I
do not think that it is what one
might term a regal coin. I
fancy it is rather an autonomous
mint. say such as Haleb or
Baghdad could you suggest
anything - I expect to see Mr
Allen tomorrow so shall be able
to hear what he thinks about it.
The other conundrum is the
small coin of Muh^d bin Murad

which I mistook for Al Jazir you may remember it.

This part looked very like ⚡ but I see now that it has a quatrefoil outline — Would you take the mint for Brusah? I should like to hear your opinion —

I hope that you do not think that I am taking all your kind and sympathetic attitude to my work too much for granted — On the contrary I can assure you I feel very grateful for the many attentions you have bestowed me & thank

you very much indeed for these

All being well I intend returning

your coins next week & later

when I have written the inscriptions

& shall send my rubbings old

drawings & notes for you to see

exactly how I have arranged

the coins on the plates.

With many thanks for

your kindness & sincere regards

Remain

Yours faithfully

W.m H. Valentine

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78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E.
14th Feb, 10

Dear Mr Wood

I am returning herewith your valuable & interesting lot of Othmanli and in so doing ask you to accept my heartiest thanks for the loan of them - I have packed them as neatly as possible in the same order as your rubbings which I also enclose. Together with these I am sending my notes, old drawings & sundry rubbings

I, thought, that as I shall not be able to send the new drawings for your inspection you would like to see & follow the fresh arrangement.

This you can do by comparing the small numbers at the Commencement

ment of each line, which is the corresponding one in my catalogue

I don't know that it is necessary to return any of these so if you feel disposed to keep them do so, but to tell the truth I feel rather ashamed of the drawings, though they were the best I could do at the time & took very great pains with them

In your first letter to me you spoke of Malay coins - so I know you will take keen interest in the book (also enclosed) which was one of my first attempts at bookmaking

I feel sure that there is something in it, which by your perusal and subsequent remarks, I shall be enabled to reap benefit from by your greater knowledge of the

subject. hope that thereby to increase my stock by adding still further to the book. If I can so far trespass upon your good nature I will suggest that in the event of your sending any additions I should be very greatly obliged if you would send one of your beautiful rubbings with each coin. They are such a help, being so beautifully clear & distinct and enhance the pleasure of drawing by their use.

I should like too to suggest (if I may) that they be several on one slip like the Othmanli (returned) which when numbered serve as a check in arranging and returning them. One can then see at a glance if any are missing. I am also returning

some of your beautiful Golden Horde coins (which have been of great pleasure to me in seeing) only keeping back those that I think of drawing - I shall with your permission retain the odd Persian & Maldive also till I can draw them though I cannot say offhand when that will be

In concluding this letter I should much like to congratulate you on possessing so large a number of these most interesting (& in many cases unique) Oriental coins and again ask you to accept many, many, kind thanks for the way you have treated me, so freely and considerately -

Yours gratefully &
Sincerely
Wm H. Valentine

Mr J. Allen, B.M. would much like a copy of your monograph on the Tughra if you have a spare one.

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78 Irish Rd
Leytonstone. E.
21 Mch. 10

Dear Mr Wood

The letter &c I was written a week ago with the intention of getting the parcel off by that days mail but difficulties arose in regard to the customs & registration with the result that I find that 3 lbs in weight is the minimum - This being so I have taken the advantage of the fact, to include a few duplicates &c from which you may possibly find something you may not have, though I expect it very doubtful. However such as they are, you're welcome, & I do not think you need to trouble to return any of them. One advantage has arisen by the delay in getting the

parcel off in the fact of allowing me time to call & see Mr Allen P.M. on Saturday with the remainder of your coins so that now I can return the whole of them. Of course you can fully understand that I am not so advanced in the decipherment of coins with Arabic inscriptions as yourself & though perhaps painstaking when in doubt. see Mr Allen or Dr Codrington but this ~~only~~ I can only do when opportunity arises. I may say here that I have been treated with every consideration by Dr C at all times & should you want any help at any time I feel certain that he would extend the same to you. He is a perfect type of fine

old English gentleman - On the other hand if I may say so) I do not think you want much assistance in reading but have every confidence in your abilities in this direction

I expect by the time you get this letter & parcel I shall have rec'd the sheets of Persian I send you but. I want to say here that I intend while I am about it to remodel the Persian series so that I shall be able to include in it some of your coins, of which you send rubbings but should you have any thing (or in addition) a very striking, perhaps you will post on the rubbings. I want to give the public my best. & my drawings now are a great improvement to those of 4 years ago & though this must necessarily delay the book

before the public, it will be more worthy of their support. I feel I cannot close this letter without again thanking you for the many kindnesses rec^d & therefore beg you to accept them once more from

Yours sincerely

Wm. H. Valentine

P.S.

None of the people you mention in y^r last have ordered a copy of my book

Have done a good many amawi & abbasid drawings but don't like them enough to want more.

Will do what you want regarding historical notice with Maldive coins later. Mr Allen says there has been another 'Imad & another present Ibrahim issuing coins since those he has (1300) in the B.M.

The piece of mineral sent is one of the so-called coal money of Kimmeridge. dug up last summer & given me by a great friend of mine who was down their for his holidays. Perfectly genuine. Supposed to have been turned out on lathes by the Romans from the centres of bracelets & stored & used by the Britons of those days as money.

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E.
8th ~~April~~ May 1910

Dear Mr Wood

I hope I have not offended you by being so long in answering your last letter dated 12th April

It came in the midst of my final struggle with my book but now I can cry "Eureka" I feel I could not let it go until I had revised the Persian series & though Spink's kept on bothering I still struggled on night after night. drawing writing, correcting, arranging & rearranging up to the very last. even then Mr Allen, in sending me a rubbing of a new mint (that is to my book) i.e. Asterabad I had to cut out.

one of Behbehan to get it in its place. It is however finished finished! and gone! Last monday the 2nd may my birthday and Mr Samuel Spirit had sent me an extremely handsome acknowledgement of the safe receipt. The trouble it has cost I could not put into words, and I can only hope that it will pay for itself. I am sorry your sub (& coin) of Kermanshahan came too late to find a place but I have made use of several of your persian I could not endorse the work without remembering the whole of the pages & wasting a new index to what I have done is to leave out a good few of various of the

all doubtful ones & two pages of coins unread. The result is a great improvement in many respects, better drawings new mints & undoubted readings, this altogether rendering it much more reliable.

Passing to other things. Don't hurry with the Malay book for though I expect to revise it some day it will be in the Autumn or Winter, I do not do any drawing in the summer months only in the long evenings when I cannot get into my little garden. But when you do return it, I think it will not be necessary to send any coins to include, your impressions are so good that it is not needful to have the coin as well. In regard to my Chinese could you not pass them on to some one else out there for exchanges &c. Do what seems

good to yourself - The coal money was
written about in Spinks Circular
abt 1905 I think. I am pleased to
think that I have given you pleasure
I should like you some time to
sell & send me the Panama copper &
nickel which I see several American
dealers advertise but my order is
too trifling I expect for them. also
the ½ cent Philippine &c. but don't bother
about them if of any trouble to you

Were the Japs of any use? if not
explain & I will do my best, I may
have opportunities during the Anglo
Jap Exhibition - I do not say any-
thing about our beloved Sovereign
who has just gone but I feel sure every
man speaking the English tongue
must sympathize with us in our loss.
R.I.P. - Thanking for your nice letters
and other kindnesses - With Kind
regards remain Yours Sincerely
Wm H Valentine

78 Firth Rd
Leytonstone. E.
27th June 1910

Dear Mr Wood

I feel very much ashamed of myself for not answering your very kind letter before this, but what with one thing and another, first making up arrears of things put off so as to finish my book then spring cleaning & gardening operations and to crown all late from business, for 6 weeks I do not seem to have had a minute to spare

In the first place I want to heartily thank you for the beautiful coins you sent me the proof cents & their multiples are a pleasure to look at, I

do think it kind and I feel your kindness deeply & gratefully

I do not know what to think of Spinks, nearly two months have now elapsed and I do not believe that they have made a move I feel hurt and disappointed but do not know that I can do anything in the matter. I wrote when one month had elapsed to ask Mr Spink how it was getting on & he replied that he really must go into the matter could I oblige him with the estimate again &c. however I hope for the best. I am convinced that if the book has a chance they are the people to give it, so must

await their time, even if I found the money to publish (which I haven't) I could not spread it around like they can. I am sure you will rejoice with me when I tell you that I have had some lovely correspondence with His Majesty the King of Italy (through his Secretary of Course) sent me some coins of Somaliland for my book + a set of the earlier silver of Eritrea (but not the copper which I wrote about + wanted for my book) + said he had ordered a copy of my book from Spirits + reserved to himself the pleasure of sending me the later set of Somaliland copper as soon as

issued. Of these the 4 & 2 besa have arrived and I expect the one besa daily. I have had considerable difficulty in getting the specimen of Coal money & hardly liked to pay the price (2/-) demanded I can get two or three more however at that price if wanted. So that's one blessing. Don't hurry my Malay book back till you have quite done with it. But make every use you can of it. I have kept my eyes open for the Kwan ei sen & have got a few at 3 each which I shall send later on. With many thanks for your kindness to me and sincere regards believe me

to remain Yours truly

Wm H Valentine

78 Firth Rd
Leytonstone E.
England
7th July 1910

Dear Mr Wood

I notice in the June no. of the "Numismatist" just to hand that the A N A are going to have a convention in New York in Septr as I cannot be there in person I would like to be represented by something & the thought has struck me to send a book of rubbings of my collection. This book was commenced some years ago & though not quite up to date yet contains sufficient number to be of interest. - I want to send it to you in the first place if

you would like me to. It title is Rubbings ~~taken~~ of Modern Copper Coins & Colonial tokens about folio size & contains many hundreds of this (or rather) these series. I think also of sending about 100 Bactrian & Indo Greek Copper for the auction sale.

I would like you to drop me a line and say if you like the proposal and whether I had better do so or not. It is the only idea I have regarding the convention at present.

A friend of mine Mr Richards of High Rd Leyton

thinks he would like to join our A N A but I have no forms - could you send me one or two?

I called on Dr Codrington last Monday & he spoke of you & the rubbings you sent him but he could not shew them to me as he had sent them to Paris & was expecting them back daily. The weather here is execrable rain, rain, rain, or cold wind & then clouds & rain We cannot imagine whats the matter with the weather and sometimes wonder if there is any likelihood of setting a

little sunshine this summer &
we are thinking of holiday
making at Hastings on the 16th.
However much may happen in
a week. Nothing from Spinks
yet. but "Nil desperandum"

With sincere regards
and kind thoughts
Yours truly
Wm. H. Valentine

P.S. I want one of your photos
in exchange for the enclosed.

No. 858

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Valentin

78 Firth Rd
Leytonstone E
England.

Dear Mr Wood Aug 18. 11

I have not been able to answer your kind letter sooner than this owing to various reasons the principal one being that we have been away to Hastings juncketing your letter with my Malay book arriving during that period

I have had very great pleasure in going through your notes on the additions to these coins and feel under many obligations to you for your kindness in the trouble you have taken in the matter

I could wish that we were closer so that we could compare notes

more frequently two heads are much better than one. I shall at some future time revise & re-draw my Malay book (that is if I live and have the opportunity) so that if at any time you come across any thing suitable please remember that a rubbing will be very acceptable.

I shall not send any thing to the convention this year. I have not had time to get the Bactrian coins ready & I feel the force of your remarks concerning the book but I shall certainly send the castes for your inspection later on if you would like to see it when I have a few more Kwan si ready to send. I am sorry the two pieces of coal money have not come to

hand but hope not to have to disappoint you - the delay is very curious. Perhaps he cant get them after all.

Many thanks for your photo. I shall treasure with that of Dr Codrington & Mr Howorth. My book is going on all right & Mr Spink is daily expecting the proof of the whole thing & says in his letter that the sale is still proceeding tho' slow.

By all means send me your unidentified Oriental I should much like to see them and promise to do my best in locating them

I have a good number of Indian Coins (Copper) duplicates. I feel inclined to send them but hesitate somewhat having no idea as to what you are likely to want. Have

you any outlet for these or any other duplicates of your own. I have a large number of modern coppers (continental) as well I should be glad to see the back of - could you advise? It occurs to me that if you have an outlet I could often send a small parcel of some kind or other. but please do not think I am mercenary.

Our weather this summer has been very broken & unsettled very dull not much rain but cold & threatening. Hoping this will find you well and thanking you very much for your able help believe me to Remain with kind regards.

Yours Sincerely

Wm. H. Valentine

P.S.

Rubbing of Eritrea later.

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone E
13th Nov 1910

Dear Mr Wood

I was very pleased indeed to get a letter from you but not at all surprised at your delay in answering my last. I knew how busy you must be with the convention work &c & moreover there was nothing in particular to write about.

I have been waiting this long time for that coal money but it has not come to hand though I am still hoping to get it. Should it arrive I shall send both that & my rubbing book in

one parcel together with my Indian duplicates. I think your idea a good one & shall continue to act on that suggestion of swapping. it has always worked well & (except in some rare exceptions) I do not like money passing between friends.

I am seriously entertaining the idea of a book on Indian Coins & worked out the idea to take as a guide the ordinary political geographical, divisions of Bengal N W provinces, Bombay, Punjab Central India & Madras working mints in alphabetical order in their final divisions.

I am sending you a list of such words as I have materials of so that if you can suggest any thing further in new words by loan of the coin. or rubbings I shall be most happy to accept them

I hope you will not forget that I shall be very pleased to see anything of yours at any time & use my utmost endeavour to attribute them as far as I can.

My book is still getting on Mr Rhind has all the blocks & has just come to terms with the printers so that I am really hoping to see it before Xmas.

Hoping this will find you
& Yours all well

Believe me to remain

Yours Sincerely

Wm. H. Valentine

P. S. The most important thing I wanted to write about I have forgotten to mention. It is the little coin enclosed. In rummaging my cabinet drawer the other day I came across it, what you must think of me I do not know but I had not the least suspicion that it was in my possession till I found it.

I seem to remember indistinctly that I put it there to not to let it mixed & to draw it when I found time. Anyway I am very sorry indeed for the delay & sincerely implore your forgiveness & will try not to let it occur again.

Yours heartily

W. M. T.

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E.
Jany 1911

My dear Wm Wood

In answer to your very kind letter of the 22nd Dec I can only say that no apology is necessary from you in regards to a delay in answering a letter to me I know what business is and when one is intent on a subject time passes quickly I have also noted in the Year book what you have been doing & feel that yours energies are well spent in forwarding the cause

You will be pleased to hear

that I have at last been successful
in getting some "Coal tar soap"
& which I shall send at the
first opportunity to you
They cost me 10/- & I would
like you if you would to
pay (when you get the parcel)
my dues for me of the A.R.A
& remit the balance only.

I am now pursuing with
ardor my work on Indian
Coins - Commenced in real
earnest - & at odd times
drawn about 100 of them

But it is not so much
the drawing as in the collecting

& arrangement of material

Sometimes one specimen will swallow up hours & the hunting up of dates or months Perhaps I feel sure I need not attempt to explain as you have doubtless been through the mill yourself.

Many thanks for your kind offer regarding loans of Coins &c I feel your kind wishes deeply & your wishes for the New Year are fully reciprocated by

Yours Sincerely

Wm H. Valentine

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78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E.
England
12th Mch 1911

My dear Mr Wood

I have been trying to find time to answer your kind letter of the 12th Feb but have been unable to till now. I want you to keep my book of rubbings for just as long as you please and fervently hope that it may prove as interesting to you as it has to me. I thank you very much for paying my dues of the A.N.A. & am in no hurry for the balance. I think the journal greatly improved and that very great credit is due to those who have undertaken the duties in connection with it yourself included

and it seems a far more interesting paper than anything we have here, Spink's Circular perhaps excepted. I duly received your notes on the Omdurman coins but can add nothing to them however I expect Mr Howorth (to whom I have sent them) will be able as he has a good many fine pieces of that mint, no doubt his late friend Mr Sam Smith who wrote an article for the Num. Chron. on them drew his attention very closely to the series & caused him to hunt for varieties

I do not think they can add much to your list at the B.M. and this seems funny considering the number of British out there

during the war. One would have thought some one would have concerned himself about them & sent home officially as complete a set of those pieces as was obtainable.

I dont believe Dr Codrington has any of them either I remember speaking to him a long time ago about the 10 p. piece trying to get it for my book & as near as I remember he told me that he had no coins at all of Amdurnaw by him

However I will do my very best for you of that you may feel sure.

I am busy with my new project of a work on Indian Coinage & have drawn those of the two first divisions viz Bengal & the United Provinces of Agrah & Oudh. but am busy up

for the present on those of the third division viz the Punjab. As I am taking the mints alphabetically Amritsar comes first & a friend of mine has swamped me with the finest lot of copper coins of the Punjab district you ever saw but as their classification is full of difficulty I have my hands full - I may say that the Kashmir series will be immense & from quite a feature scores of them never before been drawn, very quaint, and date back to the successors of Jinghiz Khan

Hoping this will find you well
Believe me to remain
Yours Sincerely
Wm H. Valentine

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76 Frith Rd
Leytonstone E.
10th May 1911

My dear Mr Wood.

I was very pleased indeed to get your kind letter of 16th April's date let me assure you that I do not feel the need of any apology from you for not writing sooner - I know you are a busy man.

I feel very gratified to hear that you like my book now so indeed than if I had twenty commendatory epistles from ordinary folk. Yours I prize as coming from a kindred soul. I want you to keep my little book for as long as you live and hope you will not be disappointed with the Indian section when you go into it

The need of information in these Kindred comes [illegible]

up the task of [illegible] & putting into book form all the pictured & other coins I could get hold of so that I could classify & arrange my own cabinet.

I am not altogether surprised to hear of your non-success in getting additional matter for your pamphlet on Omolumnan coins. When I first saw it I thought you had a wonderful collection of these pieces & indeed think theres not another like it in the world. I doubt very much if any improvement can be made on it. Mr Howorth was my only & strong hope. If anyone could help he could I felt convinced. However if I should hear of anything further at any time I shall not fail you.

I have done some good work this past winter but not so much as I anticipated. I refer to my drawings of Indian Coins. Two sections are fairly complete but the third is a teaser.

The Punjab! — The first mint on my list is Amritsar × has proved a stumbling block landing me squarely in a huge bog. It is a Sikh mint. A Gentleman here in England offered me the loan of a large number of Punjab Coins. a marvellous lot. but perplexing in the highest degree. To simplify matters & clear the way I broke ground with the Kingdom of Kashmir, of these (coins) I have drawn 106 commencing with the Sultans, then wading through the Mughals & Durranis these being sharply brought up

the coins of the Sikhs where I am stuck for the present. Now Summer is here & the garden &c & coins nowhere however I shall have time during the next 2 or 3 months to get things together & puzzle out a few problems for the autumn nights. I shall be sending the drawings to look at shortly & perhaps you may be able to help me. I have not done any of the writing yet. to them but drawn the coins solely. I should very much like to see your Indian coins. why not send me some of them (or all unknown ones) I should be glad to help you arrange them. Many thanks for money order for 4.-

Hoping that you are keeping well & with warm regards

Believe me to remain

Yours sincerely

[illegible]

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E.
5th Nov 1911

My dear Mr Wood

I fell very glad indeed to hear from you again after so long and sincerely hope to get more letters from you than of late eagerly expected and read they bring me inspiration & determination in my work.

My new set of drawings are going on apace & though a slow job yet coin after coin appears on my pages. One at a time is my motto, not looking too far ahead but steadily plodding along.

I think I have got through with one of the most difficult series that so far I have met with, viz the Sikh coins. When you see them (as I hope you will later) I feel sure you will not grudge me credit for the labour spent upon them. The numbers may give you some idea Kashmir 170 (including early ~~Mahomedan~~ Sultans & Durrani rulers) Jammu 23 Ladakh 4 making a total for the Dominion of Jammu & Ladakh of nearly 200 drawings. Then Amritsar 70 which is the first mint in the Punjab (British) series proper all to follow

in strictly alphabetical order. The independent states following the British also alphabetically.

In regard to your query concerning the sale of my book I think there are about 200 copies sold up to now which I think you will agree is very encouraging. Dont forget to send me some duplicates when you have time (oriental if possible) in exchange for those I sent last. I have many more now Delhi & Jaunpur medaval if you want any. The parcel containing my rubbing book

came safely to hand last week
and I owe you thanks for so
safely returning it

With Kind regards
believe me to remain
Yours sincerely
Wm. H. Valentine

78 Firth Rd
Leytonstone E
25th Mch 1912

Dear Mr Wood

I was very pleased to get another letter from you it seems a long time since I heard from you & though my leisure is scanty I always feel that I must write you though something else suffers. Your bill of duplicates came safe to hand but disappointed me somewhat. I hardly know why though. Indian coins are hard to get & what you come across seem to be exactly what you already have. I sincerely hope however that

those I sent you did not disappoint
you in the same way if they did
I must say I sincerely regret it
& ask you for forgiveness. I am
getting on famously with my new
venture I cannot say for certain
but think I have made about 1000
copies of some. The first two sections
Bengal & United provinces are in hand
and Mr Haworth has a goodly portion
of the third (the Punjab) I must
mention however that I have not
commenced any of the descriptive
portion yet but only made drawings
so that if any additions come to hand
I can put the pages & include the
newer pieces. I am sending you

Cub for the A.N.A to you & should feel much obliged if you would see to it for me. I keep on putting it off as I am so busy but feel like a criminal when I think of it - please apologize for me if you will. I am returning the little silver coin you sent me but am sorry to be unable to report progress - I shewed it to Mr Allen last Sat but he also is unable to place it. Do you think the inscr: is reversed? it is certainly a curious little piece - Mr A shewed me your far Eastern pieces & I took the liberty of rubbing most of them I hope you do not mind. I think your attribution of the Kashin [illegible]

coin & view is correct I am glad to
have seen it. I wish I could
locate the other places but nothing
seems to come to me at present.
Concerning them Pray write when
you have a few minutes & send me
some of your beautiful impressions
to look at & in my turn will do my
best to enclose something or other
that will interest you

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

W. H. [illegible]

Two new mints (to me) just acquired for my Indian book not in B.M

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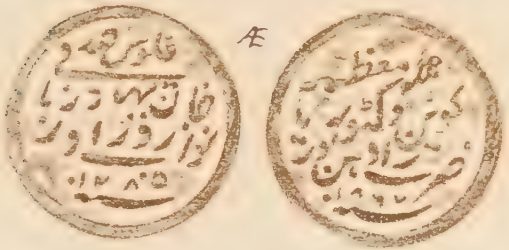

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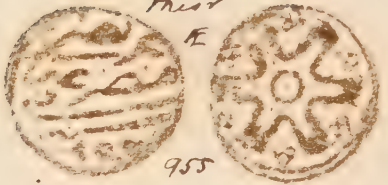

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78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone. E
20th May 1912

Dear Mr Wood

The receipt of your kind letter and the impressions enclosed has given me real gratification

I am very much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken in my behalf & though there is nothing new amongst them yet many will come in very handy, you know we want several to get the reading on Indian coins - I have not much to report. except one

beautiful Canadian piece of which I send a rubbing. So I am accompanying this letter with some of the rubbings I have been at work upon during the winter I think they will prove interesting to you and want you to have a good look at them before returning

The Suri series are a lovely lot & as you will observe are largely the property of Mr Howorth

I have made a speciality of the Delta mind though [illegible]

I commenced it I was quite
aware that His Majesty
was going to make it the capital
my idea was the resemblance
of its former greatness, but as
it happens it will be the books
chief feature. I have included
in the Delhi mint all those of the
Lucknow & Mughal invasion
that are not definitely stated to
be struck & I have taken them as
belonging to the Kingdom of which
Delhi was the capital. In addition
to this I have endeavoured to

as many of the different written

tales of other State years, and

months. Altogether there are

180 coins drawn & attributed to

the public mind rightly or wrongly

I hope later on to send you

the drawings for inspection but

cannot now as I want to show them to

Mr Whitehead when he is in

England where he expects to be

very shortly I believe -

With warm regards

believe me to remain

Yours sincerely

W. H. Valentine

very fine condition
red in places

Is this included in

the Canadian series?

P.S. In going through the sheets I find I cannot spare
the [illegible] ones as I have not quite finished one or two which
I shall [illegible] them later.
[illegible]

78 Frith Rd
Leytonstone E
12th Aug 1912

Dear Mr Wood.

I owe you many thanks for the beautiful impressions of your Indian coins and which I hope to obtain your forgiveness for sending on to India. It came about this way. Mr Nelson Wright to whom I wrote some time ago re. Coins of Native States replied that he would do all he could to assist me & as the difficulty of locating most Indian coins to their right units is great. I resolved to send

some of my sheets of rubbings where they contained unlocated specimens in the hope that he might be familiar with some of them

Just as I had determined to do this yours came to hand and as they duplicate the greater number of the most puzzling of my own rubs, the bright thought struck me to pass them on to Mr Wright.

This I have done mentioning of course that they came from you and now I can only hope that you will not mind. I have numbered the sheets for easy reference from I to VIII and given each

impression a number from 1 to 30 or 35 as the case might be he has therefore only to quote say 26. VII to refer at once to that specimen

In addition to those you named yourself I have added the merits of all those known to me & at the same time in the letter calling his attention to the most important ones of those I am anxious to feel located.

In your letter you call attention to the terrible heat you are experiencing in America but here the weather as I write is very different. the glass fluctuating

from 40° or less in the morning to about 60° in midday whilst cold showers are looked upon with disgust but of daily occurrence

I thank you heartily for your kind offers to help me & shall not fail to avail myself of your sympathetic attitude when the opportunity arrives

Believe me to remain

with kind regards

Yours truly

Wm H. Valentine

P.S.

Do you still want those Jap cash? I have had some for a long time put by ready.

78 Firth Rd
Leytonstone. E.
24th Oct 1912

My dear Mr Wood

I rec'd your favour of the 24th Aug & thank you muchly for your kind letter & rubbings of Delhi pillars. These however I do not propose to include in my book but regarding your query re 24th Madras I should like to get them together with such information as you can give me for their turn will arrive in due course I hope I have a pedal number but there are others.

I have seen Mr Ramsden
& been in his society several
times - he is a delightful man.
very learned, a rapid thinker
& charming conversationalist.
Since 3 weeks ago he has
been to Paris & milan: I think
I expect to see him again
this week - we talked of you
& Mr Howorth also of Jap
& Chinese numismatics. He
has brought a lot of stuff to
Europe & rubbings. Galore of
his mighty collection of ancient
Chinese pie & other Coins

His collection numbers 60.000.!!
He is rather tall (5'. 9"?) & me
finely formed, dark, with black
or dark brown eyes, black
moustache but otherwise clean
shaven - 42 years of age and
broad in forehead fine man
altogether. I am fortunate
in being able to have the
pleasure of his acquaintance

I envy your being able to
attend the Rochester Convention
I wish I could have been there
I read the ode in the "Numismatist"
and duly admired the portrait

of our fellow members daughter
Miss Ruth Merrill & feel I must
congratulate society in being
able to own such an admirable
Journal (full of go) & enthusiastic
body of members. I sincerely
hope both will continue to
grow and flourish

With kind regards

Yours truly

G. W. Valentine

16th Mch 1913

78, Frith Road,

Leytonstone, N.E.

My dear Mr Wood

I am sure you must feel offended at my dilatoriness in not answering your kind letter of the 23rd Nov last. and must throw myself on your forgiveness. My leisure is short & I have had many trials this winter very queer & much run down the doctor says. But through it all I have plodded on with my book I have almost completed the first & 2nd sections of my new book. viz Bengal & United Provinces revised the drawings & written the explanatory text & about 280

coins & therefore no one can complain of my idleness. The correspondence connected therewith has been very big & taken up a good part of my time also. I have just had a letter from Mr Ramsden who send me some rubs of coins he had picked up in Europe & wants me to identify & 3 of the new Chinese pieces. I note your inquiry of the 2 anna Wm 4th. India & will look out for it when on my round. I must not forget to thank you for your kindness in sending the extremely interesting article on

the coins of Muscat which is
also reproduced in the "Numismatist."
I like the article very much & I
think it valuable but the size
of the journal embarrasses me
I think it a pity these are not all
of one size as a uniform size
enable one to keep all these
favorite books & papers together
on one shelf. We are getting
a mild winter here & have
had no snow as yet. A little
frost. everything is bursting
into bud in the garden and
one almost feels the revival of
youth in the coming of the early

opening. I hope this will find you well, this season of the year always brings a crop of troubles in its train.

With kind regards believe me to remain

Yours sincerely

Wm H. Valentine

29th June 1913

78, Frith Road,

Leytonstone, N.E.

My dear Mr Wood

I got your wedding card & invitation last night and though I shall be unable to call & congratulate you in person I shall do so in the spirit. My dear wife & myself both join in wishing you and Mrs Wood every joy and happiness that earth affords.

Yours truly & sincerely

Wm. W. Valentine

3rd Aug 1913.

78, Frith Road,

Leytonstone, N.E.

My dear Mr Wood

Your kind letter dated 11th July has safely reached me and I thank you for your offer to look over the Society's coins for me. I do not think much extra stuff will be found to what I have except possibly in the Native States coinage & it is in this section I could do with a little help.

You will be glad to hear that Mr Spink has promised to publish my new book & bring it out in abt 12 parts

instead of waiting for 2 or 3 years
for the completion of the entire work.

Part I will be put in hand at
once & should make its appearance
this winter. It is composed of Leaves
I & II. Bengal & United Provinces

My wife & self join in sending
our warm regards to Mrs Wood
& yourself and I Remain

Yours sincerely

Wm. W. Valentine

78 Forth Rd

Leylonstone. E.

9th Nov 13

Dear Mr Wood

I got your letter dated Sep 23 quite safely and thank you very much for the kind things you say in it. I also thank you for the order of a copy of my book which I shall forward to the proper quarter. Mr Ramsden sent me one or two of the new Chemical E and they are certainly very interesting. I expect however your cabinet contains more varieties of them than mine does. I am

to busy with my new work (Pl 2)
that I have scarcely any time to
think about my collection. I
hope you will be able to send
me some additional rubbings
of Indian coppers in your Soc'y
collection when you have time.

My wife joins with me in recipro-
cating your kind regards to Mrs
Wood & yourself. In conclusion
you may depend upon me to send
rubbings of any thing useful to you
when I come across them

Yours sincerely

Wm H. Valentine

78 Firth Rd
Leytonstone. E.
7th Jan. 15.

My dear Mr Wood

The receipt of your kind greetings for the New year & Mrs Valentine & self has given me opportunity to write a few lines in thanks to Mrs Wood and yourself and assure you that those greetings are heartily reciprocated. I have been going to write you for some considerable time but no opportunity has presented itself until the present. I am at home sick with influenza and very trembly That is the reason I am using pencil I can write more firmly. I have been in bed for two or three days & am now getting better.

I thought perhaps you would like to hear how my new work is going on. Part one of which as you are aware was issued in April. The sales were going on slowly till the war and then collapsed. In the meantime I still plodded on with Part two and finished it ready for publication in October. I took it to Mr Spink & asked what had better be done his reply being that it seemed of little use trying to publish before the end of the war was in sight. No one can say so there we remain. It is a singular thing that none of your Coins are used in either of these two books and I expect you will have noticed it. No offence was meant however it was an oversight not to mention your name among the abbreviations but I shall remedy in my next part. The real reason was that I sent your rubbings to Mr Nelson

Wright in India and I did not get them back until last September. He had them two years. I wrote him several times. Mr Allan spoke of them in writing to him + he brought them to England once before + then took them back without having an opportunity of seeing me.

This explanation is due to you and I must apologize for my share in the matter but promise you your coins shall not be overlooked in the near hand. I am afraid the war will last some time as no permanent peace can be assured until Prussian militarism is smashed and the mad Kaiser put in his place. Who could have dreamt of such treachery? Well! well!!

I expect you will be interested to know that I have accepted the offer made me by Sir Marshall the Director General of Archaeology in India to arrange and catalogue the Coins in the Indian Mus Calcutta pertaining to Rajputana, Central Indian States + Bombay about 900 in all. I heard from Mr Ramsden about a week ago - his wife does not seem to get much better. My wife and I join in the best of wishes to Mrs Wood + yourself leaving me to remain

Yours as ever
Sincerely
W. H. Valentine